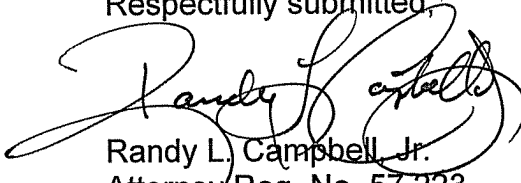


**Remarks**

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed September 22, 2008, Applicants have corrected the claim amendment section having the heading "IN THE CLAIMS" presented in the June 16, 2008 Amendment. Applicants believe that the corrections made to the status identifiers of claims 2, 14, 25, and 26 satisfy the outstanding issues presented in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

Applicants respectfully believe that the presently pending claims of this application are allowable over the cited references, and Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to so find and issue a Notice of Allowance for this application. Should the Examiner deem a telephone conference to be beneficial in expediting allowance/examination of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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